

New Hampshire Statewide Assessment 2013-2014

Superintendents, School Principals, and District Statewide Assessment Coordinators: As a new school year approaches, we want to thank you for your help in developing and administering a quality state-wide assessment system. Please extend our sincere appreciation to everyone in your schools and districts involved in statewide assessment for their careful attention to details. Thanks!

This memo includes information about three areas: NH Statewide Assessment System (NECAP, NH ALPS and ACCESS for ELLs), Accountability, and NAEP. We plan to continue this annual notice. We hope it helps as you think about planning for the next school year. Information included in this message (organized by page number):

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What's New in NH Statewide Assessment for 2013-2014?

- The **NHSWADL** (New Hampshire State-Wide Assessment Distribution List) needs updating. Please update school and district test coordinator information by emailing the following information to Jennifer (Jiffi) Rainie (Jennifer.Rainie@doe.nh.gov): *school/district name, name of test coordinator with email address.*

Please note that this will be the last year for NECAP testing for Math, Reading and Writing. The Smarter Balanced assessment system will replace the NECAP in the spring of 2015.

- **2013-2014 Medical Emergency Exemption forms for NECAP, NH ALPs, and ACCESS for ELLs®** will be published on the Department's website by September 1, 2013 at: <http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/necap/admin/index.htm>
- **SASC - Request for State Approved Special Considerations** has been expanded to include two new categories - one for excessive absence from the last two months of the NH ALPs test window and one for students with progressive intellectual neurological deterioration. (posted online)
- **NECAP Online Writing Assessment:** Several NH schools will be administering the October 2013 NECAP Writing Assessment online to all their students in grades 8 and 11. Additional schools will be allowed to qualify in the spring of 2014 for the October 2014 NECAP Writing Assessment. **FLASH** - The NECAP Management Team has approved the use of the newly developed Measured Progress online testing platform (tentatively called Nimble Online Assessment) for fall of 2013. This new user interface will integrate their current online system (iTest) and all the development work that NH and the NECAP states have offered over the years with NimbleTools. This could be the look of our online testing platform in the future. All schools with grades 8 or 11 may want to take advantage of this opportunity before we transition to the SBAC test.
- **Spring 2014 NECAP Science Test: Computer administered accommodations via Nimble Tools are no longer available.** Nimble online accommodation tools were developed and provided through federal research funds obtained by NHDOE several years ago and funding has ended. The results of this research project will impact the development of accessibility tools in the future.
- Volunteers are needed for 2013-2014 **Statewide Assessment Committees** (application available Sept. 1, 2013 at: <http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/index.htm> within the "Notices" link.

NECAP Science Bias Review - Contact: Deb Fleurant (603) 271-3838
Science NECAP Test Item Review - Contact: Gail Taylor (603) 271-8266

Reporting Updates from 2013-2014 school year:

- **ELL Accountability Reporting** for school year 2013-2014 tentatively will be released late July or early August, 2014.
- **NECAP Science and NH ALPs Reporting:** Confidential NH ALPs student level data will be released to districts on September 16th. Confidential NECAP Science student level data will be released September 16th with public reporting to follow on September 18th. Paper copies of NH ALPs student-parent reports and scored 2012-2013 portfolios will be shipped to schools on September 25th

Websites for NH Statewide Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability

<http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/curriculum/index.htm>
<http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/index.htm>
<http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/accountability/index.htm>

New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)

In October, NECAP will be used to assess students in grades 3-8 and 11 in reading and mathematics, and grades 5, 8, and 11 in writing. In May, NECAP will be used to assess grades 4, 8, and 11 students in science.

	October 1-23, 2013 (pick up October 24)			May 5-22, 2014 (pick up May 24)
Grade Level	Reading	Math	Writing	Science
3	Yes	Yes	-	-
4	Yes	Yes	-	Yes
5	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
6	Yes	Yes	-	
7	Yes	Yes	-	-
8	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

We will be running a series of workshops connected to both the fall and spring assessments. These include test administration workshops (prior to the assessment) and reporting/test interpretation workshops (after the assessment). The Test Administration workshops for the fall include face-to-face workshops for new test coordinators and new principals, a live Webinar for experienced test coordinators (that will be posted on our website for later viewing), and a Webinar for test administrators (that will be posted on our website for viewing). The registration site will be open in early August (iregister.measuredprogress.org). Other workshops will be posted at this same site later in the year.

Fall 2013 NECAP Test Administration Workshops

We hope to be able to issue assessment reports connected to the fall NECAP in the fourth week of January. Your help with packing up fall NECAP material correctly and returning it promptly will go a long way toward meeting this goal. This will include results for reading, mathematics in grades 3-8 and 11, and for writing in grades 5, 8, and 11.

	Date	Time	Location	Seating
Pre-recorded Webinar for Experienced Test COORDINATORS	mid-September	Any time	Any Computer - Web Based	N/A
Pre-recorded Webinar for Test ADMINISTRATORS	mid-September	Any time	Any Computer - Web Based	N/A
New Test Coordinators and New Principals	Tuesday September 10	9:00AM - 12:00	Days Inn - Campton, NH	100
New Test Coordinators and New Principals	Wednesday, September 11	9:00AM - 12:00	SERESC- Bedford, NH	220

Where do I find more information about NECAP?

Updates: <http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/necap/index.htm>

NECAP Materials: <http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/necap/prep.htm>

Contact: MP Service Center (1-877-632-7774)

NH Alternate Learning Progression (NH ALPs) Assessment

**The ALPS portion of this memo will be available the first week
in September.**

ACCESS for ELLs[®] English Language Proficiency Test

The number of English Language Learners (ELs) who took the ACCESS for ELLs[®] English language proficiency test in 2012-2013 was around 4,500. With each new year districts need to become more aware of the civil rights and federal laws surrounding this growing population.

To determine which students are ELs, every family in NH should be given a Home Language Survey when their child is first enrolled in the district. The coordinating certified EL teacher in each school or district reviews the surveys to determine which students may be eligible for EL services. Those students are then screened using the W-APT and, depending on the scores, the certified EL teacher determines which students, if any, are eligible for EL services.

Once the certified EL teacher determines that a child is eligible for EL services, parents are contacted for their permission to enroll that child in the EL instructional program. **All ELs are required to take the ACCESS for ELLs[®] English language proficiency test during the testing period in January and February each year, regardless of whether parents accept or refuse ELL services for their child.** All students who are *eligible* for EL services must take the ACCESS for ELLs[®] test each year until they are deemed proficient whether the student is in a Title III school district or not.

The W-APT is used in NH as the screener for English Language Proficiency. This screener is free and may be downloaded from the www.wida.us website. Only certified EL teachers are able to administer the W-APT. Please call Joanne Magarian at 271-3196 for a password.

Only NH certified EL teachers are eligible to become ACCESS certified administrators and give the ACCESS for ELLs[®] English language proficiency test.

Information regarding specific dates and times for training and testing will be posted on the ACCESS for ELLs[®] website in September (<http://tiny.cc/13gja>)

The ACCESS for ELLs English language proficiency test will be available until the new assessment test (named, for now, as the ACCESS 2.0) becomes available in 2015. The new test will be a technology delivered annual summative assessment of academic English language development, along with an accompanying on-demand screener.

For news and other important information from the NH Title III office and the ACCESS for ELLs[®] Assessment office at the NH Department of Education, please join the NH ESOL Listserve by contacting Dr. Suzanne Irujo, Listserve facilitator, at sirujo@bu.edu. This Listserve has information about conferences, courses, and other regional events. Districts may use this Listserve to post electronic ads for ELL teachers.

Where do I find more information about English Language Proficiency Screening and Testing?

Contact: Susan Morgan at 271-3719 or at Susan.Morgan@doe.nh.gov.

Website: <http://tiny.cc/13gja> or click on the letter A at the top of the NH DOE homepage and then click on ACCESS for ELLs[®].

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

National level NAEP assessments will occur this winter for grade 8 in technology and engineering literacy (TEL). The notification of SAU superintendents and participating school principals for NAEP 2014 has already been initiated by the NAEP Program Administrator. NAEP 2014 school principals have received their scheduled assessment dates along with an overview of NAEP 2014 and the TEL assessment.

Below are key dates related to NAEP 2014:

May 2013- Notification to Superintendents and Principals of schools sampled for NAEP 2014.

June 2013- Notification to Principals of assessment dates selected for NAEP 2014.

September 2013- NAEP 2014 School Coordinator Packets sent to NAEP 2014 schools.

October 2013- School Coordinators upload sample-grade student lists into MyNAEP website.

December 2013 - Schools receive NAEP 2014 pre-assessment packet in preparation for NAEP Field Staff visit.

January-March 2014 - NAEP 2014 is administered by NAEP Field Staff.

In addition to the administration of NAEP 2014, NAEP 2013 Reading and Mathematics assessment results will be released for grades 4, 8, and 12 in October or November, 2013.

Where do I find more information about NAEP?

<http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/naep/index.htm>

Or contact: Tim Eccleston, 271-2298, timothy.eccleston@doe.nh.gov

For information regarding SAT and PSAT test dates see:

Source: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-dates>

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/reg.html>

ACT Testing dates: <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html>

AP 2014 Exams Schedule

Source: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/cal.html>